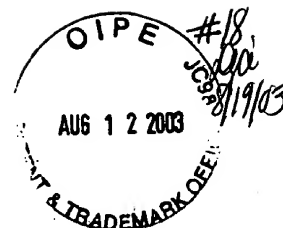


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METHOD OF PREPARING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTED
AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **three** month extension of time be granted to August 12, 2003 for

- ☒ filing a response to the Official Action dated: February 12, 2003
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☐ filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$930.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

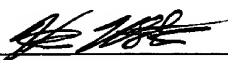
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